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In re: Patent application of  
Stuart L. Geary

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being re-submitted in response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37CFR1.121)" of May 16, 2001 and is being filed within the one month time limit set for response by the Notice of May 16, 2001.

It should be pointed out that the notice was directed to the previous amendment filed December 27, 2001, when in actuality it is believed that the referred to previous amendment was filed December 27, 2000, along with the original application.

It should also be pointed out that the notice stated "5. Other, no prior case filed," which is believed to be correct, but the remaining statement thereof "Priority document not certified," is not now correct because a certified copy of the priority document

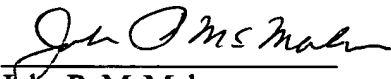
(EP00300055.1) has been filed by way of the Preliminary Amendment of February 21, 2001.

With regard to this Preliminary Amendment now being submitted in response to the May 16, 2001 Notice, please amend, without prejudice, the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Drawings**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please replace the original drawings (Figures 2 and 3) of the originally filed application with the enclosed (clean) Figures 2 and 3.

Respectfully submitted  
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